

ASU has six preseason FCS selections

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The Appalachian State football team has six players named to Phil Steele's College Football Preview Football Championship Series Pre-Season All-America Team.

Wide receiver Brian Quick and tight end Ben Jordan of the Mountaineers have been named second team All-America on offense. Quick, a junior, caught 61 passes for 982 yards and four touchdowns last season. Jordan, a junior who has developed into a tremendous blocker on the offensive line, made 16 grabs for 226 yards and one touchdown.

Running back Devon Moore is a third-team selection. Moore was a first-team All-Southern Conference selection last fall and he led the conference with 1,374 rushing yards. He also scored 19 rushing touchdowns, the fourth-highest, single-season total in school history. Linebacker D.J. Smith and safety Mark LaGree have been named a first-team All-America on the defensive side. Smith made 137 tackles last season with 14.5 tackles-for-loss and two quarterback sacks. He also forced two fumbles, recovered two fumbles and he intercepted a pass. LaGree, who is on the only FCS player on the Bronco Nagurski watch list (which goes to the best defensive player in the nation) and the Buck Buchanan watch list (which goes to the best defensive player at the FCS level), made 70 stops, two tackles-for-loss and intercepted seven passes. He has ten picks in his career.

Defensive lineman Jabari Fletcher is a third-team selection. Fletcher, who played his high school football at Grady High in Atlanta, Ga., had 63 tackles, 10.5 tackles-for-loss and 6.5 quarterback sacks.

Fullback Eric Breitenstein of Wofford College, a red-shirt sophomore who missed the majority of the season last year with a knee injury, is a third-team All-America on offense. Breitenstein, who led Watauga High to 23 wins, its first conference championship since 1981 and a pair of Final Four appearances during his high school career, was named to the All-Southern Conference freshman team in 2008.

Breitenstein was also a two-time all-state selection, and he played in the Shrine Bowl. He was Watauga's first Shrine Bowl representative since 1980, and only the sixth in school history. Mike Ward was the last WHS player to play in the Shrine Bowl way back in 1980.

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S MARK LAGREE, ASU

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